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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE

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SUB: US CIT REPORTEDLY IN DETENTION IN LAGOS AS CIA AGENT

1. ON MAR 2 A YOUNG GHANAIAN MALE CAME TO EMBASSY AND WANTED TO TALK TO OFFICER RE "SECRET MATTER." INTERVIEWED BY POL OFF, HE SAID HE HAD JUST COME FROM LAGOS, WHERE HE HAD BEEN HELD IN DETENTION BY SPECIAL BRANCH. AN AMERICAN HE SAID, IS ALSO BEING HELD BY SPECIAL BRANCH FOR LAST 10 DAYS ON GROUNDS OF BEING CIA AGENT. AMERICAN ALLEGEDLY TOOK PHOTOS FROM PLANE DURING TRIP FROM CALABAR TO LAGOS. AMERICAN, SAID GHANAIAN, GAVE HIM HIS CAR AND ASKED HIM TO CONTACT AMEMBASSY ACCRA.

2. INFO ON CARD READS: KENTON L. HARRIS CONSULTANT, FOOD SANITATION-GRAIN STORAGE, WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE, FOOD PURITY PERSPECTIVES, 7504 MARBURY RD., BETHESDA, MD 20024, 202-331-1658. ON A SLIP OF PAPER AMERICAN PROVIDED ADDITIONAL CONTACTS IN US: WIFE (301-320-3765) AND DAUGHTER (802-862-5220).

3. GHANAIAN WAS EVASIVE AND WOULD IDENTIFY HIMSELF ONLY AS "KOJO G.K.". HE ASKED POL OFF TO GIVE HIM MONEY TO PAY FOR TRIP FROM LAGOS TO ACCRA, CLAIMING HARRIS HAD TOLD HIM EMBASSY WOULD PROVIDE SUCH FUNDS. POLOFF TOLD HIM WE HAD NO FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE BUT ASKED HIM TO COME BACK TO EMBASSY IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS

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IN CASE HARRIS WANTED TO SEND HIM FUNDS THROUGH POUCH. GHANAIAN APPEARS A BIT UNSTABLE (HE SAID SPECIAL BRANCH CONTROLLED ALL EMBASSIES IN LAGOS). HE IS ABOUT 25 WEARING AFRO, STEEL-RIMMED TINTED GLASSES, AND MOD CLOTHES.

4. REQUEST ANY INFO YOU MAY HAVE ON HARRIS OR "KOJO G.K."
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